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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Orange – FBI, Local Law Enforcement Make LA/Orange County Gang Arrests

(U) Federal authorities yesterday announced the recent arrests of several gang members suspected of drug and gun crimes in Orange and Los Angeles counties. The investigation was begun by Anaheim police in July 2019 in a crackdown on a local gang there known as the Brownwood street gang, according to FBI officials. A confidential informant worked undercover buying drugs and guns from several of the defendants in the case. From July 2019 through August 2020 the undercover buys produced about 759-grams of methamphetamine and 23 guns, the FBI said. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) seized six additional guns, rifle scopes, AR-15 upper receivers, and a pipe bomb. In some cases, buyers went from Texas to California to trade guns for drugs. In another investigation, authorities charged seven members of the Pico Nuevo 13 street gang, a Pico Rivera-based gang, with two defendants arrested Wednesday and two still at-large.

SOURCE: 13 January 2022, [City News Service](#)

(U) San Marcos – Marijuana Grow Operation Located During House Fire

(U) Firefighters discovered a cannabis growing operation while battling a house fire Tuesday night in San Marcos, and investigators later found material used for THC extraction in the home, authorities said yesterday. The process to extract THC from cannabis typically uses butane or other materials that are highly flammable, though detectives are still probing the cause of the fire, according to the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. A person who was inside the home when the fire broke out was taken to a hospital for treatment.

SOURCE: 12 January 2022, [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US DoD Links Hacking Group to Iranian Intelligence

(U) Washington – The US military's Cyber Command on Wednesday detailed multiple hacking tools that officials say Iran's Ministry of Intelligence and Security has used against computer networks "around the world." It's the first time, according to a command spokesperson, that the US government has explicitly connected Iran's intelligence ministry with a prolific espionage group known as MuddyWater that has in recent years tried to siphon data from telecom firms and other organizations across the Middle East. It's part of a regular effort by Cyber Command and other US agencies to highlight hacking tools allegedly used by foreign intelligence services from Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea to blunt the effects of their spying operations.

SOURCE: 12 January 2022, [CNN](#)

(U) District of Columbia – US Imposes Sanctions on North Koreans, Russians Following Missile Tests

(U) Washington – The United States yesterday imposed sanctions on six North Koreans, one Russian and a Russian firm it said were responsible for procuring goods from Russia and China for North Korea's weapons programs, an action that follows a series of North Korean missile launches, including two since last week. The US Treasury Department said the steps aimed to prevent the advancement of North

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Korea's weapons programs and impede its attempts to proliferate weapons technologies. It said they followed six North Korean ballistic missile launches since September 2021, each of which violated multiple UN Security Council Resolutions.

SOURCE: 12 January 2022, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Bulgaria – Anti-Vaccine Protestors Try to Storm Parliament

(U) Sofia – Anti-vaccine protesters tried to storm the Bulgarian parliament yesterday and briefly scuffled with police officers during a massive rally against COVID-19 restrictions in downtown Sofia. Tensions rose an hour after about 3,000 people gathered in front of the parliament building, demanding the lifting of a mandatory health pass which they said trampled on their rights and was a back-door means of forcing people to get vaccinated. Protesters, many of whom arrived on buses for the rally, pushed back a police cordon around parliament and reached the front doors of the building. They stopped short of breaking in and called on lawmakers to come out and address their demands. Several people, including police officers, were injured during the brief clashes.

SOURCE: 12 January 2022, [Reuters](#)

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